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For: BACKING MIRROR

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicant is in receipt of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed June 24, 2004 (enclosed herewith) for the above-identified patent application.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section of the Specification, please REPLACE the paragraph on page 4 at Line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 7A illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror prior to alignment of hitch and tongue in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

In the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section of the Specification, please REPLACE the paragraph on page 4 at Line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 7B-8A illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror when the hitch and tongue are aligned in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

In the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section of the Specification, please REPLACE the paragraph on page 5 at Line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 8-8B illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror employing a second mirror in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

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**REMARKS**

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, the Specification has been amended to correspond to the submitted drawings. In particular, the Specification has been amended in the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS section as shown below:

FIG. 7A illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror prior to alignment of hitch and tongue in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. ~~7B-8A~~ illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror when the hitch and tongue are aligned in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. ~~8-8B~~ illustrates a mirror view of a backing mirror employing a second mirror in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

Support for the amendment is provided at least on page 12, Lines 6-19 of the Specification. Thus, the amendment raises no question of new matter.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the figures correspond to the "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS" and that all figures are present and consecutively numbered.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for examination.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22241-00001-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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